



## Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

March 18, 2004

The Honorable John T. Conway  
Chairman  
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board  
625 Indiana Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20004-2941

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Secretary of Energy, in his August 25, 2003 response to the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board (DNFSB) on suspect/counterfeit items (S/CI), committed the Office of Environment, Safety and Health (EH) to: 1) review the results of the Office of Independent Oversight and Performance Assurance (OA) Special Study of the Department's Management of Suspect/Counterfeit Items, 2) perform a causal analysis of the Temperform USA investigation and the Department's S/CI Process, and 3) implement corrective actions as needed.

EH conducted a detailed analysis of the Temperform USA investigation and the S/CI Process to evaluate whether the Department's S/CI identification, notification, and investigation process is effective. The attached report documents the results of the analysis and the review of the OA Special Study recommendations for EH. This report was coordinated with OA. The conclusion of this analysis is that the Department's current S/CI process is adequate.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please contact me at (202) 586-6151, or Frank E. Tooper at (202) 586-1772 or [Frank.Tooper@eh.doe.gov](mailto:Frank.Tooper@eh.doe.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beverly A. Cook".

Beverly A. Cook  
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